

Mercedes-Benz enlarges stake in Spanish firm

STUTTGART.—Daimler-Benz AG has decided to increase its stake in its Spanish subsidiary, Mevosa, from 45.6 percent to 52 percent.

Three years ago, Daimler-Benz purchased Volkswagen's 23-percent holding in Mevosa, and this time the shares are to be obtained from Spanish banks, which hold 8.8 percent of Mevosa. The Spanish State remains a minority partner with 45.5 percent of the stock, through INI (Instituto Nacional de Industrias).

Mevosa has two factories, one in Vitoria, where light vans and trucks are produced, and another at Barcelona, for diesel engines.

Mevosa has capacity for 16,000 vehicles a year, which is to be built out to make Mevosa more competitive against Ebro (the trade mark of Motor Iberica, which is 37 percent held by Nissan Motor Co.) and Sava (trade mark for light-duty vehicles built by ENASA, whose heavy trucks and buses are called Pegaso, and in which International Harvester Co. holds a 35-percent interest).

Mevosa will expand diesel-engine production capacity from 25,000 to 65,000 units a year, and increase its exports, as well as providing a greater number of engines for Movosa vehicles.



25-year veteran

Don Scott, right, Don Scott Chevrolet-Pontiac, Inc., Whitehouse, O., receives his 25-year service award from George Spaulding, Pontiac general sales manager.

Counseling service offered by Terry

DETROIT.—Sydney L. Terry, former engineering vice president of Chrysler Corp., has opened Sydney L. Terry Consulting Services here.

Terry said he hopes to provide qualified counsel to idea-holders as well as to companies, looking for new ideas.

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American Motors

Oct. 1—Dallas Auto Auction, 4226 E. Main, Dallas; Sand Mountain Auto Auction, U. S. 431, Boaz, Ala.

Oct. 2—Todd Auto Auction, Rte. 309, Telford, Pa.

Oct. 7—Aptco Auto Auction, 20911 Gladwin, Taylor, Mich.

Oct. 8—Kansas City Auto Auction, 1100 Elmwood Ave., Kansas City, Mo.; Southern Auto Auction, S. Main St., Warehouse Point, Conn.

Oct. 9—Fredericksburg Auto Auction, U. S. 1 Alt., Fredericksburg, Va.

Oct. 10—Concord Auto Auction, Hosmer St., Acton, Mass.; Floyd Hauhe Auto Auction, 12000 St. Charles Rock Rd., Bridgeton, Mo.

Oct. 14—Ohio Auto Auction, Columbus, O.; D-A Auto Auction, Waltz Mill Rd., New Stanton, Pa.

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Oct. 15—Sand Mountain Auto Auction, U. S. 431, Boaz, Ala.; Dallas Auto Auction, 4226 E. Main, Dallas; Al Eide's Minneapolis Auto Auction, 1125 A Nathan Lane, Minneapolis.

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Oct. 29—Sand Mountain Auto Auction, U. S. 431, Boaz, Ala.; Al Eide's Minneapolis Auto Auction, 1125 A Nathan Lane, Minneapolis; Dallas Auto Auction, 4226 E. Main, Dallas.

Oct. 30—Todd Auto Auction, Rte. 309, Telford, Pa.

Ford Motor Co.

Oct. 7—Arena Auto Auction, 10355 South Woodlawn, Chicago.

Oct. 9—Nashville Auto Auction, 1406 Lebanon Rd., Nash-

ville; Skyline Auto Exchange, 100 Route 46, Fairfield, N. J.

Oct. 15—Concord Auto Auction, Hosmer St., Acton, Mass.; Metro Auto Auction of Kansas City, 101 W. Oldham Parkway, Lee's Summit, Mo.; Salt Lake Auto Auction, 460 Orange St., Salt Lake City.

Oct. 16—Minneapolis Northstar Auto Auction, 7701 State Highway 101, Shakopee, Minn.

Oct. 21—Aptco Auto Auction, 20911 Gladwin, Taylor, Mich.

Oct. 22—Dallas Auto Auction, 4226 E. Main, Dallas; Lakeland Auto Auction, Interstate No. 4 at Highway No. 33, Lakeland, Fla.; Central States Auto Auction, 824 S. Taft, Mason City, Ia.

Oct. 29—Columbus Fair Auto Auction, 4700 Groveport Road, Obetz, O.; Golden State Auto Auction, 6010 Stevenson Blvd., Fremont, Calif.

Oct. 30—Big H Auto Auction, 701 N. Shepherd Drive, Houston.

Used car sales

Auction averages

October to date \$3,788

Month ago \$3,649

Year ago \$3,288

Model breakdown

Auction averages

OCTOBER TO DATE SEPTEMBER AUGUST

1980 \$7,869 \$6,350 \$6,516

1979 4,995 4,787 5,022

1978 3,927 3,841 3,806

1977 3,079 3,240 3,258

1976 2,180 2,362 2,445

1975 1,709 1,741 1,808

1974 1,419 1,350 1,310

1973 1,306 1,167 963

Overall Average \$3,788 \$3,545 \$3,649

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1.77 million cars scheduled

4th-quarter output lowest since '60

U. S. auto makers will build an estimated 1,777,207 units in the fourth quarter, the lowest output for the quarter since the 1,740,502 autos assembled in 1960.

The fourth quarter forecast is a 4.75 percent decline from the 1,865,858 cars built during the final three months of 1979.

Chrysler will build 275,000 cars, a 33.12 percent rise from the 206,273 it produced in the fourth quarter of 1979. Volkswagen will turn out 54,863 units, an increase of 5.22 percent over the 52,143 produced in the quarter last year. Ford will assemble 406,300 units, an 11.63 percent increase over the 363,982 built in 1979 in this quarter.

The 1,000,000 autos General Motors will produce in the

fourth quarter is a drop of 15.46 percent from the 1,866,446 it assembled in the same three months last year.

AMC will produce 40,000 autos, a decline of 23.38 percent from last year's 55,853. Checker Motors will build 1,044 units this quarter, a decline of 10.08 percent from the 1,161 units produced in 1979.

Last week's production was 135,250, down 1.70 percent from the previous week's 137,585, and off 18.50 percent from the 165,950 built the week ended Oct. 6, 1979.

The September estimate of 533,303 is the lowest since the 478,322 built in that month in 1970. It is off 14.38 percent from the 622,851 completed in 1979.

With the reopening of Chrysler's

Lynch Road plant last Monday (Sept. 29), all the company's facilities were working last week. All Chrysler plants will also operate this week.

General Motors will increase production at its Janesville (full-size Chevrolet) plant to two shifts beginning today (Oct. 6). The move will add 800 workers.

Ford will suspend passenger-car operations for one week at its Kansas City (Fairmont/Zephyr) plant and for two weeks at its San Jose facility (Mustang/Capri), beginning today (Oct. 6). The move will temporarily idle 3,025 hourly workers.

Saturday overtime was scheduled at five car plants last week: GM Pontiac, and Oklahoma City; Chrysler Jefferson and Newark, and Ford Louisville.

Year-to-date auto production through Oct. 4 was 4,788,661, down 28.50 percent from the 6,698,127 built a year ago.

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Union. Possibilities include building a plant near the Autoport in Halifax, Nova Scotia, or using existing facilities such as the Bombardier plant in Quebec or the abandoned Bricklin factory in New Brunswick. An early 1982 start-up is eyed with annual output of at least 5,000 Nivas.

European firms plan new turbos

DETROIT.—Look for several European auto makers to offer new turbocharged models in the U. S. in the '81 model year, including the Saab 900 Turbo sedan and Volvo GLT two-door, which replaces the 242 GT. Also, Fiat plans to offer turbo versions of the Brava and Spider early next year.

Chrysler incentive pushes demonstrators

DETROIT.—Chrysler Corp. initiated a new demonstrator allowance program for Cordoba and Mirada for Sept. 29 to Oct. 17. Dealers get a 7 percent allowance deducted from the invoice for cars ordered during this period, kept in a demo program 90 days and used to give a specified number of demonstrator rides. Dealers can order any number from one up to the number of salesmen they have, and equip them any way they like. Separately, Chrysler made all domestic '80s and '81s eligible for the 4 percent Ohio tax exemption from Sept. 19 to Nov. 18, except Aries, Reliant and Imperial.

Imports seize 34 pct. in West Germany

BONN, West Germany.—Imported cars captured over 34 percent of the new-car market in West Germany in August, up from 31 percent a year earlier. The increase was almost entirely due to Japanese gains. Reflecting the deepening slump, both Volkswagen and Ford fell well below year-earlier totals.

TRUCK PRODUCTION IN U. S. †

	Week Ended Oct. 4, 1980	Same Week 1979	Week Ended Sept. 27, 1980	Sept. Estimate	Jan. 1, to Oct. 6, 1979	Jan. 1, to Oct. 4, 1980
CHEVROLET	10,925	16,977	9,226	31,444	808,602	333,668
DODGE/PLYMOUTH	3,300	5,357	3,083	12,346	278,478	102,901
FORD	16,684	16,736	11,303	51,328	886,841	416,346
GMC	4,201	5,712	3,834	12,713	275,719	120,435
INTERNATIONAL	1,985	2,828	1,397	7,824	105,078	49,294
MACK	327	554	465	1,708	28,877	18,005
JEEP	1,739*	2,500	1,905*	8,315*	118,490	58,814*
AMC CORP.	87*	450	238*	987*	19,155	5,761*
VOLKSWAGEN	520		195	435		20,898
MISCELLANEOUS	600*	800	600	2,508	32,000	29,725
Total Trucks, U. S.	40,368	51,914	32,246	129,608	2,553,240	1,155,847

CANADIAN TRUCK PRODUCTION

	Week Ended Oct. 4, 1980	Same Week 1979	Week Ended Sept. 27, 1980	Sept. Estimate	Jan. 1, to Oct. 6, 1979	Jan. 1, to Oct. 4, 1980
CHRYSLER CORP.	1,888	1,610	1,711	7,105	45,467	37,843
FORD MOTOR	4,352	3,716	3,758	19,363	180,253	139,078
GENERAL MOTORS	6,235	5,917	5,623	20,727	226,275	183,403
AMERICAN MOTORS		848			43,658	11,644
INTERNATIONAL	295	410	297	1,722	15,937	13,109
MACK	40	95	28	148	2,936	1,683
Total Trucks, Canada	12,810	12,596	11,417	49,065	514,526	306,760
N. American Trucks	53,178	64,510	43,663	178,673	3,067,766	1,542,607

†—New includes van production. *—Estimated.
Jep includes commercial vehicles only. All General includes government-destined vehicles.

U. S. CAR PRODUCTION

	Week Ended Oct. 4, 1980	Same Week 1979	Week Ended Sept. 27, 1980	Sept. Estimate	Jan. 1, to Oct. 6, 1979	Jan. 1, to Oct. 4, 1980
AMERICAN MOTORS	3,478*	4,750	3,571*	15,675*	133,533	131,846*
Eagle						
Concord						
'78 AMX						
Pacer						
Spirit						
CHRYSLER CORP.	17,580	17,851	14,735	54,069	717,155	453,339
Plymouth Total	8,220	7,901	7,020	25,144	289,627	207,026
Horizon	3,350	3,695	3,442	14,313	131,326	122,172
Volare		3,961			149,003	51,740
'80 Gran Fury	70			28	2,196	13,381
Caravelle	100	245	137	477	7,102	4,958
Reliant	4,700		3,441	10,326		14,775
Chrysler Total	1,900	2,563	1,380	6,111	150,317	59,194
Chrysler	600			240	69,297	12,116
LeBaron	1,300	2,563	1,380	5,871	81,020	47,078
Dodge Total	7,460	7,387	6,535	22,814	277,211	187,119
Omni	2,800	3,195	2,774	11,503	114,899	104,172
St. Regis	160			64	22,654	10,884
Diplomat	700	1,419	672	2,833	38,665	22,977
Aspen		2,773			100,993	36,899
Aries	3,800		2,889	8,414		12,187
FORD MOTOR	23,318	35,257	32,784	122,174	1,678,597	940,405
Ford Division	15,504	24,567	22,722	82,273	1,119,788	676,836
Pinto		3,292			146,584	68,179
Mustang II/Mustang	1,210	7,604	5,809	20,083	302,897	183,277
Fairmont	2,952	6,244	2,754	11,857	166,076	170,903
Granada	3,797	978	3,802	13,635	120,064	70,378
LTD II					22,746	
Thunderbird		5,296	3,289	11,041	218,968	90,673
Ford	2,099	1,153	2,103	7,769	142,453	68,717
Escort	5,446		4,965	17,888		24,709
L-M Division	7,814	10,690	10,062	39,901	558,809	263,569
Mercury Total	6,162	7,359	8,413	32,943	437,787	229,706
Bobcat		768			38,701	12,445
Capri	407	2,713	1,319	5,871	88,575	54,229
Zephyr	904	1,131	1,126	4,321	50,046	55,852
Monarch		146			51,987	16,409
Cougar/XR7	1,659	2,601	3,018	11,442	120,435	42,979
Mercury	1,290		1,301	5,485	88,043	39,757
Lynx	1,902		1,649	5,824		8,035
Lincoln Total	1,652	3,331	1,649	6,958	121,022	33,863
Lincoln	688	1,611	605	2,992	59,931	13,956
Versailles					10,234	1,861
Mark VI	964	1,720	1,044	3,966	50,857	18,046
GENERAL MOTORS	87,147	102,308	85,030	338,180	4,039,458	3,113,546
Buick Division	15,411	16,281	16,226	61,779	593,920	595,163
Skyhawk		646			18,564	
Skyhawk/79-'80	3,994	3,212	4,279	16,006	81,951	168,807
Century	3,595	1,967	3,523	13,804	44,237	128,584
Regal	4,038	4,757	4,539	17,081	205,543	154,726
Buick	2,680	4,422	2,767	11,241	201,499	110,363
Riviera	1,104	1,277	1,118	3,647	42,877	32,683
Cadillac Division	4,878	6,548	4,158	17,028	270,127	148,652
Seville	1,163	1,120	822	3,528	34,212	26,129
Cadillac	2,128	4,451	2,088	8,579	182,361	82,527
Eldorado	1,587	977	1,248	4,921	53,554	39,996
Chevrolet Division	37,546	46,529	37,898	155,608	1,793,312	1,348,985
Chevette	9,000	9,080	9,132	37,680	325,651	358,797
Monza	2,780	3,386	2,912	12,425	123,416	129,339
Camaro	2,320	5,004	2,664	10,347	212,288	94,237
Nova/Citation	10,291	7,795	8,997	35,306	225,559	355,397
Malibu	6,155	8,308	6,988	28,770	313,246	203,060
Monte Carlo	3,680	4,600	4,087	17,742	184,626	83,870
Chevrolet	2,400	7,601	2,317	9,949	370,739	90,580
Corvette	920	755	709	3,389	37,787	33,705
Oldsmobile Division	14,866	18,411	13,906	52,530	804,058	576,838
Starfire		313			16,456	
Omega/79-'80	2,009	1,506	1,798	7,627	38,222	88,298
Cutlass	7,497	10,729	6,502	22,663	416,216	288,572
Oldsmobile	4,658	4,740	5,122	20,298	292,322	172,160
Toronado	702	1,073	484	1,942	40,842	27,808
Pontiac Division	14,446	14,539	12,842	51,235	578,041	443,908
Acadian	280	265	200	1,392	14,188	16,369
Sunbird	3,620	2,032	3,556	11,081	80,167	113,665
Phoenix/79-'80	2,997	2,251	2,740	10,243	62,461	108,960
Firebird	1,928	3,715	1,454	6,291	157,708	60,968
LeMans	1,661	2,109	1,438	6,434	72,028	45,053
Grand Prix	3,025	1,807	2,495	11,828	72,562	53,943
Pontiac	935	2,360	959	3,966	48,927	44,950
VOLKSWAGEN	3,640	5,666	1,378	2,834	125,679	147,187
CHECKER	87*	118	87	371	3,705	2,338
Total Cars, U. S.	135,250	165,950	137,585	533,303	6,698,127	4,788,661

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CHRYSLER CORP.	2,400	4,217	2,370	9,711	95,601	55,773
FORD MOTOR	6,736	848	5,813	20,102	230,600	196,312
GENERAL MOTORS	11,782	10,106	11,470	43,778	434,066	371,768
VOLVO	190	204	186	822	6,367	7,539
Total Cars, Canada	21,198	15,175	19,839	74,413	766,634	631,392
N. American Cars	156,448	181,125	157,424	607,716	7,464,761	5,420,053
N. American Trucks	53,178	64,510	43,663	178,673	3,067,766	1,542,607
North American Cars and Trucks	209,626	245,635	201,087	786,389	10,532,527	6,962,660

†—All Assemblies and Conversions are built for sale in Canada. *—Estimated.

NHTSA launches GM window probe, closes 3 others

WASHINGTON.—An alleged problem with the tailgate window defroster in 1979 Chevrolet, Buick, Oldsmobile and Pontiac intermediate station wagons was the only defect investi-

gation mounted by NHTSA in the previous quarter.

The safety agency said it terminated three other investigations in that same time frame. It made one initial defect determination, the one involving as many as 16 million Ford transmissions which the NHTSA alleges may slip from Park to Reverse without warning.